LAMP

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Lutherans & Methodists in Partnership

March 2015

An evening of food, fun and friendship in support of community outreach programs!

March 13, 2015 6– 8pm

$10/person OR $5/person with a canned food item for FISH Food Bank

An opportunity to shop in the "shelter store" for gloves, socks, sleeping bags, granola bars, micro-wavable soups, and coffee.

Silent & Live Auction! Proceeds go to St. Mark's to use in their support of FISH, HRWS, Emergency Vouch Program, Free Clothes for Kids, and Athletes for Cancer.

Tasty hors d'oeuvers from Ahi's Catering!

Share the Warmth with the most vulnerable in our community.

The Rev Anna Carmichael
Rector
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 400 11th St., HR

Hood River Warming Shelter
hoodrivercares.org

FISH
Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help

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After-School Tutoring Program

Give back to your community by providing much needed academic support to the HRVHS students involved in the Youth Outreach Program.

Volunteers of all knowledge levels welcome, but experience with basic high school level math and science a plus.

Tutoring sessions will be held Wednesdays each week in the Hood River Valley High School Library 3:40-5:40 (start date tba). Volunteers must summit a volunteer application to the school district and complete a criminal history verification.

Contact Caley Melton (Youth Outreach Worker, Columbia Gorge Youth Connection) for more info or applications.

caleym@nextdoorinc.org 541-399-3084

The Next Door

Dear Friends,

As I write this, we have just begun the season of Lent. Just as Advent is the season of anticipation for Christmas, Lent is the season of anticipation for Easter. It lasts for forty days, not including Sundays. (The Sundays don't count as part of Lent, because each Sunday is thought to be a little Easter. So we have the "Sundays *in* Lent," not the Sundays *of* Lent.") The 40 days is supposed to remind us of Jesus's 40 days in the wilderness after his baptism but before he started his public ministry, of Elijah's 40-day journey through the wilderness to Mt. Horeb, of the Hebrews' 40 years in the wilderness after they were freed from Egypt but before they entered the Promised Land, of the 40 days of rain that Noah's family endured on the ark during the great flood.

Sometimes we think of Lent as a sad time, a time to spend beating up on ourselves, feeling guilty for all of the sins we've committed, starving ourselves of any pleasure. Lent can seem like a season of deprivation.

But in fact, Lent is a season of re-creation. Jesus, like so many others before him, went out into nature to commune with God. He didn't spend 40 days reading the scriptures in his room. He didn't spend 40 days worshiping in the temple. He spent 40 days in the wild.

We live in a place where the wonder of God's creation is especially evident. During this Lent, I encourage you to notice the beauty of what God has made, to give thanks for all the ways that God is present with us.

To that end, I would like to invite you to join me for a Lenten Spiritual Hike on Saturday, April 14th, at 2:00 in the afternoon. More details about location will be coming soon. The hike is intended for hikers of all ages. We will enjoy God's nature as we contemplate the ways that God meets us in the world. Don't forget to invite your friends, especially those without a regular church home.

Blessings to all of you on your Lenten journey. May you grow ever closer in your walk with God this season.

Your Servant in Christ,

+Pastor David

Pastor's Out-of-Office Hours

Wednesday, March 18th, 1:00-3:00 pm

Ten Speed Coffee at 13th and State

Stop by for informal conversation with Pastor David.

Faith In Action

Faith in Action is coordinating the Lenten Study, being offered twice a week at the 8am Sunday Adult Study time, and as a soup supper, Wednesday evenings gathering at 6pm. Plan to attend this dynamic study of the bible—how it came about and exploring aspects of this. Contributing writers of the study are from various ecumenical faith groups. **LENT = Learn, Explore, Nurture, Tantalize!** Led by Pastor David and Debby Chenoweth. These studies will continue into April, meeting on April 8 and 15, as well, due to the length of the study. It is OK to miss a few, as there are accompanying books for purchase $10. Please sign up to attend and also to bring soup and or bread for the Wednesday night gathering.

Palm Sunday, March 29, will be our Designated Giving Sunday for Lutheran World Relief and/or UMCOR– One Great Hour of Sharing. Please indicate on your envelope or check which organization you wish to support. More information forthcoming.

Food on the Fourth continues, as we help to keep food items on the FISH Food Bank shelves throughout the year by offering filled bags of food on March 22. we eagerly look forward to the ease of delivering these items just next door! Watch for information about the Grand Opening celebration!

Again, we are reaching out to **people who may need rides to various church related activities** as well as persons willing to provide these rides. Please contact a committee member if at all interested in this ministry.

Non curbside recycling continues, as we explore possibilities for having a storage structure built. Craig Terry and the Pantely's continue to haul items to Portland. If you have large quantities of items and would like to take your own, please contact Sharon for more information. There is a recycling information box in the Narthex, and committee members can also answer questions for you. Please "give up" throwing Styrofoam into the trash for Lent!!

Join us for our next meeting March 3, Tuesday, in the Fellowship Hall at 9am, if you would be interested in any of these exciting ministries.

Sharon, Debby, Vicki, Linda, Gigi, Pat P.

NOTES-N-NEWS

FISH Garden/Landscape update

Our faithful garden volunteers have raised thousands of pounds of fresh produce for the food bank in past years. As the FISH building moves steadily toward completion, interest in the gardens is growing.

- HRMS 8th graders in Michael Becker's class are working on a landscape plan for the property to incorporate edible perennials and insect-attracting plants.
- An instructor at Klahre House has approached us to see if her students can help with weeding or other projects.
- We have received funding to hire a garden volunteer coordinator to work with community groups and individuals interested in helping with the gardens.

It is amazing to watch how God is multiplying our efforts to nourish both body and spirit. - Gigi Siekkinen

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) - February Highlights

Encouragement is SPRC focus

Check out Paul's introduction to Timothy 2 for a great example of encouragement.
SPRC invites you to take a moment to encourage our Pastor and staff as we work together for God's kingdom.

Garden Volunteer Coordinator Position approved

We are seeking someone to recruit and coordinate garden volunteers to create and maintain production and demonstration gardens in support of the food bank.
Part-time, temporary seasonal position.
Funded by generous anonymous donation and grants.
Job description is available on bulletin board in hallway.
Your prayers for this endeavor are appreciated.

Church Directory Task Force

Church directory needs to be updated.
Some members had negative experiences with the company that took photos for the last directory so there is a desire to try a different approach.
A task force will be created to facilitate the creation of the directory as it falls outside the scope of our existing ministry teams.

Questions? Currently serving on SPRC are George Bentz, Rick McBee, Nancy Radley, Doug Swanson, Gigi Siekkinen, and Pastor David.

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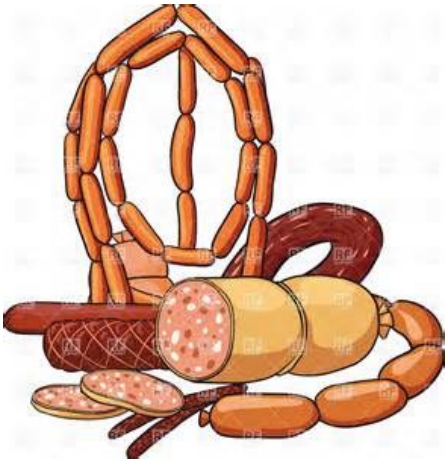

Sausage Making

Men's Fellowship Group at Morning Song Acres

9:00am Saturday, March 21, 2015

Morning Coffee & Pastry and Lunch

Cost: Free will offering to cover coffee, pastry, lunch. Will advise regarding cost per pound of sausage.

Contact: Bob White (541) 352-7429 or E-mail:
goirishcream@embarqmail.com

Note: Those attending Char Burger Breakfast feel free to join us at Morning Song immediately after.

Men's Fellowship Weekend

May 1, 2015 - May 3, 2015

Alder Creek Guest House - Sisters, Oregon

(see: www.vrbo.com/331741)

Email or telephone Bob White for details.

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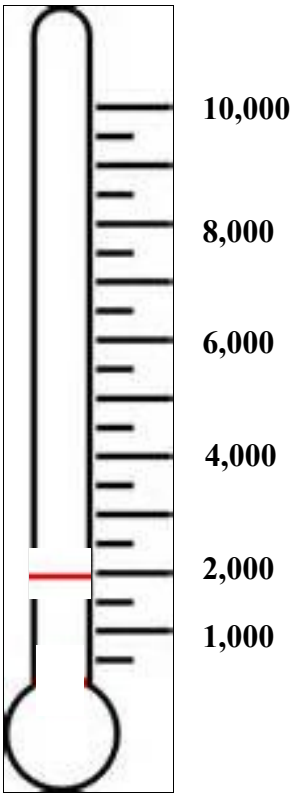
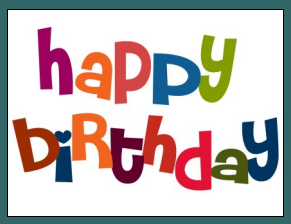


Worship Assignments

March	1	8	15	22	29
Lector	Linnea Denis	Betty Lou Yenne	Kathy Terry	Kris White	Tom Hart
Greeter/Usher	Linnea & Rick Denis	Gail & Larry Denis	Kathy & Craig Terry	Kris & Bob White	Vicki Wartalski & Doug Swanson
Coffee Hour	Lutheran Men	SPRC & Council	Faith in Action & Quilting	Women's Spirituality	Youth Group
Altar Care	Dottie Hogan		Dottie Hogan		
Flowers	n/a Lent	n/a Lent	n/a Lent	n/a Lent	n/a Lent



John Jacobson, Frank Moore	1
Della Henderson Gladys Edwards	5
Jennifer Fowler	8
Margaret Godard Marv Turner	10
Bessie Assi	13
Gale Denis	17
Amy Fowler	19
Diane Kleinsmith Scott Murahashi	21
Vicki Wartalski	25
Brent Murahashi Ruth Turner	27
Aurora Hindahl	29
Melissa Mimier King	30
Jim Matthias	31

Jennifer & Skip Fowler	11

March 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8am Adult Study 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 6:30 Conf yth grp	2 9am Happy Hands	3 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers 9:00am Faith in Action	4 9am Quilting 4:45 Bell Choir 6:00 Lenten Study	5 4:30pm Celeb. Serv Prac 6pm Choir	6 Mt. Angel Retreat	7 Mt. Angel Retreat
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22 Food on 4th 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration 10:45 Childrens Sun Schl 11:45 SPRC meets 1:15 Card Class 6:30 Conf yth grp	23 9am Happy Hands	24 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers 2-4pm WELCA Women's Bible Study	25 4:45 Bell Choir 6:00 Lenten Study	26 4:30pm Celeb. Serv Prac 6pm Choir	27	28
29 PALM Sunday 9am Traditional 10 Fellowship 10:30 Celebration Designated Giving UMCOR/LWR	30 9am Happy Hands	31 10am Men's Coffee @ Rosauers	1	2 MAUNDAY Thursday	3 GOOD Friday	4

Office Hours - Closed Fridays	
Rev. David King	Mon to Thurs 9-Noon; by appointment
Jennifer Fowler	M 9:30-2 T 8:30-11:30 W 8:30-2 Th 8:30-2
Linda Boris	Tues 10-1

April Newsletter submissions

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